

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-9 and 12-18 are pending. Claim 12 is amended, and claims 1, 10-11 and 19-22 are cancelled with this response. Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 2-9 and the provisional allowance of claims 12-18.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following discussion.

**I. CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Claim 12 was held to be provisionally allowable, and would be deemed allowable if placed into independent form. Claim 12 has been amended into independent form, thereby placing it, and claims 13-18 that depend thereon, into condition for allowance. Therefore entry of such amendment does not raise any new issues nor require a new search. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is believed to be proper after final, and is respectfully requested.

**II. CONCLUSION**

For at least the above reasons, the claims currently under consideration are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, LLP127US.

Respectfully submitted,  
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